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Seasonal greetings to everyone,

Another year is drawing to a close. Winter is here to stay much to my chagrin. I am hoping that we have some good snow cover but not quite as much as what we received last year. Mother Nature, in her wisdom, will decide what is best for us. Like all gardeners we look forward, with anticipation, to what next year will bring.

It's too bad I can't blame Mother Nature for some of the woes our Society faces. I have opened the door for some energetic soul to step into the top director's portion but no one has stepped forward. This means that director duties will be shared by those that remain in elected positions. Our next director's meeting is tentatively set for January 23, 2014 at the Regina Floral Conservatory. Anyone wishing to join us is more that welcome to attend and to contribute. We are still looking for people to fill the positions of President, Show Chair, and Publicity Chair. Ron Sitter will be chairing this meeting and the primary focus will be to discuss budgeting needs.

On the positive side our fall bulb sale was a success. Susan Parks, our adopted mother of previous years unsold bulbs, supplied us with numerous quality bulbs for the sale. Our bulb leader Ron was successful in finding paying homes for the majority of the bulbs that didn't get sold in the mall sales. Kudos to Ron for the excellent work he does to make the bulb sale such a success. I am not sure if all our members are aware of the time and dedication he devotes to the bulb sale. He starts planning well in advance of purchase time - lining up wholesalers, trying to find the bulbs members have personally requested, trying to negotiate some great deals, sitting down with other bulb sale committee members to finalize the list, ordering, tracking down tardy orders, answering member inquiries and complaints (because there is always someone who isn't happy about something), getting packing supplies, arranging contracts with the malls, hauling hundreds of bulbs to the mall sales, storing before and after sales (you should see his living room, his wife Jan must be a saint), tracking me down to sign cheques and the list goes on.

I've come to realize that I have not appreciated all the work that all the members regularly do for me and the society. I have taken all their work for granted. I would like to acknowledge some of those hard working members. Examples are Shirley Tuttosi and Viola Berwald. Shirley faithful hounds us for write ups for the newsletter (it must be like pulling teeth!). So if anyone would like to submit an article I am sure she'd give you a great big hug. She always has the newsletter presented in such a nice format: some photos, some write up - just a great presentation. She makes sure that all members get a copy of the newsletter and you really can't ask for anything better then that. And if

by some chance you were missed, if you let her know she will make sure you get a copy.

Viola Berwald is our membership lady. She reminds us when our membership is due, and I must admit as I get older I need those reminders more and more often. She keeps track of the new members, provides us with updated lists when we ask, send out Society info to the new members and always has the biggest smile for everyone at any of our get togethers.

There are many other members who provide regular support and guidance. Brian Porter is an excellent resource for all things horticultural. I have come to the conclusion that he has probably forgotten more things about plants and growing plant then I will ever know. He's chairing our Historical Garden now and members should look forward to seeing some new signage in the garden's future.

Dolores Nelson's extensive knowledge of all things lilium and all things society has made her our go-to-girl when we are in doubt and just for moral support. Thank you to Dolores for sharing her knowledge with us and doing it so graciously.

There are many others who help keep our society going and you know who you all are. I apologize for not being able to acknowledge all of you. What would we do without our show people, our garden helpers and our program and social people. A great big thanks to all the hard workers that makes our society work.

Our fall seminar was fortunate to have a very experience lily grower, Lynnette Westfall. She entertained us with many photos and stories of Valley K Lily Ranch and it's birth and growth. Not only did she share her lily growing experience she also shared some of her lilies. I look forward to seeing the bulb she presented, to the participants that were brave enough to interact during her presentation. From the picture she shared with us, it looks like it is a lovely orange Asiatic, slightly ruffled with a lighter stripe in the petal centres – one of her own babies.

I wish everyone a joyous holiday season. Instead of dreaming of sugar plums I am sure we will be dreaming of lily bulbs or seed catalogues. Have a healthy happy New Year and I look forward to the new gardening year.

Past President Gladys Ning

A garden is the best alternative therapy.
quote by Germaine Greer

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Our web site is now fully functioning and <u>we need input</u> from the members with articles, stories, photos, or anything you would like to share with others. Please include your name in your correspondence. If you have a question or comment please use the web email to contact Issy.
sslS2013@gmail.com

The trouble with gardening is that is does not remain an avocation.
It becomes an obsession.
Humorous quotes on Gardening - by Phyllis McGinley

2013 Christmas Party

Our Christmas party was held on Nov.27 at the Regina Floral Conservatory amidst a magnificent floral display of red poinsettias, white mums, fragrant paper whites and many, many more beautiful tropical plants.

Tables were adorned with colourful Christmas tablecloths provided by Rose Miller.

Nineteen party guests enjoyed Christmas music, green Rider punch and a delicious pot luck buffet. We participated in a gift exchange. What was in the chocolates? We thank the Sitters for donating tulips and daffodil bulbs for door prizes. Lily bulbs were also given out as door prizes. Thank you to Rose Miller and Shirley Tuttosi for all their assistance in making this a very special evening. Respectfully submitted Joan Harris

2013 Grand Champion - Dolores Nelson

Lynnette Westfall with her donated raffle item

Fall Seminar

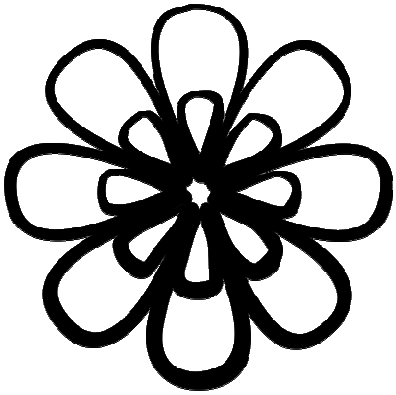
Our Fall seminar took place on Oct.19, 2013 at the Glencairn Recreation Centre in Regina. Our annual meeting was held before our speaker, Lynette Westfall from Edburg, Alberta began her lily seminar.

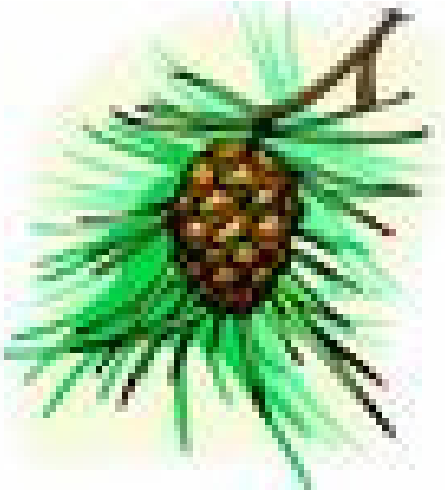
Lynette presented an introduction to Valley K. Lily Ranch, one of our bulb sale suppliers, with an overview of lilies under evaluation. She spoke about Canadian hybrids, and tips and tricks for lily growers. It was very interesting seminar. Lynette did a power point presentation and we enjoyed seeing her outstanding and colourful new hybrids which may appear on the market in the future. We'll be watching for them. Lynette also supplied lily bulbs to members of our group for audience participation. We all enjoyed Dolores' special soup and sandwiches. Thank you, Dolores.

Thanks, Lynette. We hope you will visit us again in the future.

The Joy of Giving
~John Greenleaf Whittier

Somehow, not only for Christmas,
But all the long year through,
The joy that you give to others
Is the joy that comes back to you;
And the more you spend in blessing
The poor and lonely and sad,
The more of your heart's possessing
Returns to make you glad.





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Individual- $10 for one year ( ) $25 for three years ( )
Family- $12 for one year ( ) $31 for three years ( )

***** PLEASE MAKE SURE YOUR MEMBERSHIP FEES ARE UP-TO-DATE*****

If you have any interesting articles, tidbits, or special lily events that you would like mentioned in up-coming newsletters. Please feel free to send them to me at my home address: 1015 Broder Street, Regina, SK S4N 3P8 or at my personal

E-mail: smtut1@sasktel.net

NALS Memberships

All memberships are to be paid in American funds. This gives Canadians the option of paying by credit card, money order or cheque for those having American accounts. There is also the option of using the *NALS Web Site www.lilies.org* as a means of paying membership with 'pay pal'.

Individual or family memberships for one year are 25US$ and 70US$ for three years.

What's new in your garden?

http://www.lilies.org

The North American Lily Society (NALS) was organized in 1947 to promote interest in the genus Lilium. The society has active members from almost every state and province in North America, as well as from many countries around the world.

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New members welcome!

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